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OUT DIVISION

WHAT THE COUNTY RECORDS SAY.

are the exact figures as by the county records as to taxable valuations etc. of to county:

ed valuation of all real estate.....	\$2,492,140 10
ed valuation of all personal property....	736,110 00
ed valuation of all railroad property....	438,226 00
ed valuation of all telegraph property..	6,786 00

assessed valuation...\$3,673,262 00

the expenditures of the county the time beginning July 1, and ending March 31, 1906, at 3/4 of a year have been as

oads.....	\$ 13,369 18
chools.....	24,948 72
eneral Revenue.....	9,059 52
and Forfeiture.....	6,037 79

expenditures in nine months.....\$ 53,465 21

ould the county be divided as posed Wauchula's end of the ty would have property d at \$1,172,445.00. Twenty-public schools, out of the 53 Soto county, and an equally proportion of the county and bridges.

the assessment at 26 mills ust the assessed valuation of erty in Wauchula's county is 993.71. Of this there was col- d before April 6th, six days than usual closing time for tax books, \$16,228.73. Of amount \$3,745.13 belongs to state, leaving \$12,483.60 ch includes poll taxes and al school district taxes) avail- for county uses.

the average cost of schools in to county so far this year was .73, and there is a large ber of schools still in session h will probably bring the age up to or above \$500, each. he twenty-four schools in uchula's county at \$470.73 would cost \$11,297.52. amount deducted from the 483.60 which is available for ty uses would leave \$1,186.08 which to pay for holding two s of court, building public s, bridges, a tax collector, a urer, a tax assessor, a county and other necessary expenses nning a county.

course this doesn't include hing to pay for new buildings, ds, etc., in fact we don't ve there will be any necessity hese things when the people a to realize what it would hem to run three counties ad of only one.

The Tax Bugaboo Discussed.

(Not from the Punta Gorda Herald.)

he following is a summary of reasons why DeSoto county ld not be made into three ent counties.

Because the people in the ern part and those in the ern part as well as those in central part would not want counties if they really under- what it would mean to them. people's rights should be re- ed, but because a few poli- ds in Wauchula and Punta a are clamoring for division is gu that the people want it. Because the creation of two counties would benefit a com-

paratively small number of people by bringing them nearer to the court house, as any person living on the railroad can have at least six hours in Arcadia to attend any business he may have and get home the same day.

Only a few people have to go to the court house each month, and the difference in distance to those living in most rural communities would not be appreciably changed.

3. Witnesses and jurors are paid 10 cents a mile for going to the court house. There would be three times as many jurors to pay. The total mileage would be at least doubled and the sheriff's fees, for serving summons and making re- turns would be the same in each individual case as at present thus multiplying this cost by three.

Now, if any intelligent man will think a moment he will understand that the cost of holding six terms of court instead of two will be at least twice as great. The extra taxes this would cost would go a long ways toward building good roads.

4. A division of the county would almost, or quite double the amount we have to pay for taxes, though in a number of instances the millage is already up to the limit allowed by the constitution. The valuations would have to be raised, thus increasing the amount we have to pay for the maintenance of the state government.

Arcadia would be ready and willing to divide if it did not mean an unprecedented increase in our taxes, for which we get absolutely no return. We object to an in- crease in taxation from which we receive no benefit.

5. Because with the decreased incomes from the various county offices it would be difficult to get thoroughly competent men to at- tend to the county's business.

6. Though division advocates think we could get a new repre- sentation for each new county, this is by no means sure. DeSoto as it stands is entitled to but one representative. Would division increase our population? Would the legislature take two represent- atives away from counties who have and deserve two represent- atives and give them to us when our population doesn't warrant it? We doubt it. The legislature is composed of 100 members, 68 representatives and 32 senators. No more and no less. Twenty- two counties have two represent- atives each. How many of their 44 representatives will vote to make three counties out of the DeSoto county of the present?

We are not so sure of a new ap- portionment. That rests with the legislature.

The Reason Why.

The following private letter re- ceived by the editor this week ex- plains itself:

CASTALIA, FLA., April 23, 1906.

DEAR MRS. CHILD: Having just read today where that subscriber had you stop his paper hal hal He must have been afraid you would win him against division.

Yours very truly,

A week after the earthquake that did such damage in San Francisco we learn that the deaths are less than 1000 and that con- ditions are now hopeful. About one-fourth of the residence section of the city remains. Those rendered homeless are being cared for and the city will be rebuilt.

OUR NEIGHBORS

INTERESTING NEWS OF NEAR- BY COMMUNITIES.

Castalia Items.

Jesse Stephens is away attending boarding school.

W. E. Harris made a business trip to Wauchula this week.

R. Roberts and wife, of Tura, were visiting their son Alderman Roberts Saturday.

E. G. Harris returned Saturday from Brownville where he has been at work for Mr. Wey, of Arcadia.

Messers J. J. and M. F. Stephens made a business trip to Arcadia Friday. J. J. Stephens took off some of those fine sweet potatoes of his. Mr. Stephens is preparing to market his Irish potato crop.

Well it is amusing to read the excuses rendered by the county division people. Some seem to forget that Wauchula has hotels and livery stables neither of whom serve their customers free. Some- times boys are a little too anxious to do business for themselves. Having received a limited amount of education during the time of county division before, part of time going to school three months and part four months later attending five months with very few ad- vantages that children have at the present time. We naturally do not want the olden days brought about again five months school being short enough.

Three cheers for THE CHAMPION! A paper that stands for the people. April 23, 1906. SUBSCRIBER.

Bowling Green Items.

EDITOR CHAMPION: We had another homicide at Torrey last Saturday night wherein Deputy Sheriff Waldron shot and killed John Peeples. I think that whiskey was the root of it all.

Perry Albritton was arrested by Deputy Sheriff A. O. Graddy for drunkenness and disorderly con- duct, fined \$4.75 and turned loose.

The beans and cucumbers are leaving Bowling Green very fast now.

Miss Anna Moore's new resi- dence is now completed and she has moved into it.

Old man Berry Welsh died Saturday and was buried Sunday.

J. A. Atkins had a new side track put in to his mill by the A. C. L. Co. 4 25, '06.

A Golden Wedding.

The Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewer was very prettily celebrated at their residence in Arcadia on last Friday night, April 20, 1906.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with vines and flowers the predominating color of the latter being yellow or golden. About 100 invitations were issued most of them to far away and old time friends who did not attend but sent instead lovely presents in gold. About thirty guests gathered to wish Mr. and Mrs. Brewer "many happy returns," and they were most cordially wel- comed and generously treated by their host and hostess and Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth, the other

children, Mrs. McClenithan and Mr. W. T. Brewer being kept at home by sickness.

In the dining room was a beautifully decorated table to which the guests were invited and it was while surrounding the table that Rev. Keigwin, facing Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, read the beautiful poem given at the end of this article.

The presents were numerous and elegant, consisting of a number of five dollar gold pieces, jewelry, gold spoons, a gold thimble, a handsome painting and other much appreciated gifts.

Refreshments of fruit punch, ice cream and several varieties of delicious cake were served bounti- fully. The reception lasted from 8 to 10 p. m. and at the latter hour the guests dispersed, carrying with them most pleasant memories of a rare occasion, a golden wedding.

Poem read by Rev. Keigwin:

At nuptial alter side by side
Full fifty happy years ago
A husband and his loving bride
Congenial spirits blest in one.
Again the nuptial altar wreaths
With flowers the fairest of the fair
And let their blending incense breathe
Their tribute to congenial pair.
Let immortelles and myrtles throw
A fadeless bloom their path above
They pale beside the deathless glow
Of fifty years of wedded love.
Let Alamandas golden bells
Ring out sweet peals without alloy:
But sweeter far the strain that swells
From blended souls in wedded joy
Embower their home, while here below
With fronded palms and deathless bays
Let westerling suns, with golden glow
Irradiate declining days
And when the lengthening shadows fall
A down the slopes of Benlah land
May morning's radiance sweetly call
Their feet to press the golden strand.

Bunker—Whidden.

Miss Fannie Bunker was on Wednesday married to D. D. Whidden, of Brownville. Miss Fannie is one of our best and most popular women and the man who secured her a fortunate husband. Mr. Whidden has a nice orange grove near Brownville and is known as one of our substantial citizens. We wish the bride and groom all the happiness they deserve.

Ladies' Friday Musicale.

Fourth Semi-Annual Recital of the Ladies' Friday Musicale to be held tonight (Thursday), April 23, 1906, at the residence of W. H. Seward:

Piano duett, "Il Trovatore," Verdi.....
Meadames Chollar and Hollingsworth
Song, "Thou art like a flower,"
Rubenstein.....
Mrs. A. E. Bennett
Piano solo, 3rd Mazurka, Godard.....
Mrs. T. B. King
Piano solo, Polonaise, Rosellen.....
Mrs. R. E. Brown
Vocal duett, "Peace to thy Spirit," Verdi
Meadames J. H. Treadwell, Hollingsworth
Piano solo, "Lucia de Lammemoor,"
Donzetti.....
Mrs. Mitchell
Song, Selected.....
Mrs. D. L. McSwain
Piano solo, "Boite en Train," Katterer
Mrs. Carl Hayman
Song, "Keep a loving heart for me,"
Spelly.....
Mrs. W. H. Seward
Piano solo, "Gaité de Conno," op 24,
S. Smith.....
Mrs. R. E. Whidden
Vocal solo, "Good night little Girl,"
Mrs. E. D. Treadwell
Piano solo, Barcarole, Bennett.....
Mrs. C. C. Chollar

Huckleberries and roasting ears are now at hand in South Florida.

SIMMONS' MURDER

CASE TRIED IN ARCADIA THIS WEEK. DECLARED GUILTY.

Judge Wall and Prosecuting Attorney Phillips have been hold- ing court in Arcadia this week trying Albert Simmons, the young negro who so atrociously murdered his aunt, Mrs. Sallie Simmons, and her two children near Pine Level on the 17th of March. Al- most all of the Arcadia lawyers were retained as attorneys for the defense but as there was no doubt about the man's guilt, he having confessed it, the jury found him guilty and the Judge sentenced him to be hung as soon as the Governor signs the death warrant and fixes the date.

Music Class Program.

Pupils of Mrs. J. Fletcher Pace.
Love's Melody, Op 600 (4 hands)
H. Engleman; Rocky Glen Two Step, Stearvog; See the Pale Moon (vocal duett), Campana; Professional career of Robt. Schumann (paper); Sonate Op 118, No. 1, Robt. Schumann; For All Eternity (song), Angelo Mascheroni; Baadmerie Valse, Geza Horvath; Story of Robt. Schumann's Life (paper); Persian March (4 hands Op 369, Chavalier de Kmstki; Rose Mazurka, Schmioll.

The following essay was read by one of the pupils:

ROBERT SCHUMANN.

Robert Schumann was born in the little town of Lwicken, in Sax- ony, June 8th, 1810, and his father was a book seller.

He received his first music lesson when he was nine year- old, and he soon became very clever at the piano and even attempted to com- pose. But his parents wished him to become, as they said, "some- thing better than a musician."

His father died when Robert was seventeen and his mother in- duced the boy to enter the Uni- versity to study law. But law was dry work for him and he made but littls progress in anything except music.

And at last his mother consent- ed to his adopting music as a pro- fession. He practiced the piano so industriously that he injured one of his hands, which prevented him from ever becoming a piano player. And he composed many beautiful songs besides his symphonies, and he became the editor of Joturnal of Music and in 1836 Schumann es- tablished himself and his paper in Vienna, but the venture was not a success and in 1839 he returned to Leipzig and in the fall of 1840 was married to Clara Wick, the daugh- ter of his old teacher.

On the 7th of Feb., 1854, Schu- mann suddenly left his home at midnight and threw himself into the Rhine. His clothing kept a- bove water so that he was saved from drowning, but, if I presume I spared his reason was his is the first

The remainder of h— passed at a lunatic as own interest erich in the neighbor V. H. Hool where he died July

Madame Clara stive of DeS of the master, and will protect brated pianist, all matters band's composi the State ed in all the la

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